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Title: WIPER BLADE PROVIDED WITH DETACHABLE BLADE RUBBER AND WIPER SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME	

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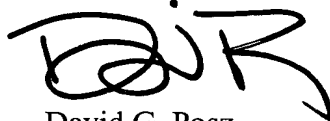
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is/are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that it/they constitute(s) statutory prior art, or without any admission that it/they contain(s) subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		6,523,218 (Discussed in page 1 of the spec.)	Feb. 25, 2003	Kotlarski		
		2002/0000018	Jan. 3, 2002	Kotlarski et al.		
		6,292,974	Sep. 25, 2001	Merkel et al.		
		6,295,690	Oct. 2, 2001	Merkel et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

TRANSLATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
		DE 2313939 (Discussed in page 3 of the spec.)	3/21/73	Germany					X

* Full English text of the JP Document will be available in machine-translated form from JP (Japanese Patent Office) English language web site at <http://www1.ipdl.jpo.go.jp/PA1/cgi-bin/PA1INDEX>.

OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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